

From page 1

Unprecedented era of peace, progress in J&K after 370 abrogation: Centre to SC

& Kashmir and Ladakh have witnessed profound "ameliorative, affirmative and progressive changes in last four years encompassing its entire governance - including the developmental activities, public administration and security matters which has positively impacted every resident irrespective of caste, creed or religion."

It said bandhs and stone pelting (together), engineered, financed and forced by the separatist-terrorist networks, had tremendous negative ripple effects on economy and the society as a whole.

"It is submitted that the defining characteristic of the security situation in the region, which has a direct bearing on the day-to-day life of common citizens is 'street violence' which was a methodical and regular phenomenon. The street violence, engineered and orchestrated by terrorists and secessionist networks has now become thing of the past. The organized stone pelting incidents connected with terrorism-separatist agenda, which were as high as 1,767 in the year 2018 has come down to zero in the year 2023 till date," the Centre said in its 20-page affidavit.

It added that 'bandhs' and stone pelting had resulted in closure of schools, colleges and universities, trade, industries and businesses on a regular basis intermittently, leading to severe loss of income especially of the poor and those who worked in unorganized sectors.

"In the year 2018, there were 52 incidents of organized 'Bandh/Hartal', which have come down to zero in the year 2023 till date. In addition, resolute anti-terror actions have resulted in dismantling of the terror eco-system which is reflected in a significant drop in terrorist recruitment from 199 in the year 2018 to 12 in the year 2023 till date."

The Centre said work on transit accommodation for Kashmiri Pandits

Osmanabad with 24 stations (12 stations on each corridor).

"Once the project is cleared by the Union Ministry for Housing Affairs and Urban Development in consultations with the Jammu and Kashmir Government it will go to the Union Cabinet for approval. The proposal is high on agenda of Hardeep Puri's Ministry as it is being regularly being followed by top officials of the J&K administration. The UT BJP leaders had also strongly taken up the proposal with Puri during his two visits here in the month of June," the sources said.

They added that if everything goes well, the Centre might clear MetroLite for Jammu and Srinagar cities within next couple of months. The proposal, it may be mentioned, has to be finally approved by the Union Cabinet to be chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi after it is sent for approval by Hardeep Puri's Ministry.

**Rs 10,599 cr worth MetroLite projects for Jammu, Srinagar cities in final phase**

Light Metro will operate 17 hours a day round the year while Srinagar Light Metro will run 17 hours daily during summers and 14 hours daily for winters.

The metro rail lines will have only elevated corridors as the underground tunnels were not found feasible. The coaches of the MetroLite system will be modern, lightweight and made from stainless steel and aluminium with an air-conditioning system, as per the DPRs.

The Jammu Light Rail System will have a 23-kilometre length with 22 stations between Bantala and Bari Brahmana whereas Srinagar light rail system will have a 25-kilometre length which includes a 12.5-kilometre length from Indira Nagar to HMT Junction and 12.5-kilometre length from Hazuri Bagh to

**Govt directs all deptts to fast pace implementation of PM Gati-Shakti**

country.

"The infrastructure creation domain had several inherent weaknesses. Traditionally, there is lack of coordination between different departments. For example, once a road is constructed, other agencies dig up the constructed road again for activities like laying of underground cables and pipes etc. This not only causes great inconvenience but also leads to wasteful expenditure", sources said, adding "individual departments often work in silos leading to poor planning and execution, which ultimately leads to delays in the projects. This is where the Gati Shakti Scheme hopes to bring a positive change".

They further said that PM Gati-Shakti will provide the entire data at one place with GIS-based spatial planning and analytical tools having 200+ layers, enabling better visibility to the executing agency. Moreover, the scheme will help departments plan cross sectoral projects better, monitor the implementation, review the progress and make course corrections, if necessary since all the information will be available on the portal through satellite imagery.

Similarly, Network Planning Group is supposed to share specific Action Plans for 2020-21 to 2024-25 with each other for facilitating integration of networks, enhance optimization through modification/expansion/new network creation to avoid duplication of works for holistic development of any region as well as reducing logistic costs through micro-plan detailing etc.

There are six pillars of Gati-Shakti—comprehensiveness, prioritization, optimization, synchronization, analytical and dynamic. Each and every department will have visibility of each other's activities providing critical data while planning and execution of projects in a comprehensive manner. Moreover, through this differ-

**As a run up to next year's LS poll, BJP to launch UT wide campaign**

party co convener, Ashish Sood, party general secretary (org) Ashok Koul, MP Jugal Kishore Sharma, national secretary, Dr Narinder Singh, former Deputy CMs, Dr Nirmal Singh and Kavinder Gupta, general secretary, Dr D K Manyal, former Minister, Sat Sharma, chief spokesperson, Sunil Sethi, party vice president, Shakti Parihar, party spokesperson, G L Raina and Dr Darakshan Andrab.

Union Minister, Dr Jitendra Singh and party general secretaries, Sunil Sharma and Vibodh Gupta who are also the members of Core Group could not attend the meeting due to their preoccupation, sources said.

They said the Core Group has decided to strengthen the party at both, Mandal and constituency levels in both regions of J&K as it will contest all the five Lok Sabha seats in the UT. As a run up the elections and further strengthen its base the meeting decided that during its UT wide campaign special street will be given for making contact with key voters.

Sources said, BJP has many achievements to highlight especially after the abrogation of controversial Article 370 in J&K on August 5, 2019. Besides, the developmental projects and public welfare schemes the party claims that BJP Government's out of box decisions like allotment of five marlas of land to landless people in the UT, construction of two lakh houses for homeless and announcement of additional 10 kgs of ration to priority households are historic decisions, sources added.

Sources said the narrative created by opposition parties in this regard as well as their opposition to Modi Government's every public welfare measure needs to be sternly countered and party decided that in its Jansamarak Abhiyan it will take opposition parties head on.

The Core Group was also of the opinion that the out of box decisions taken by Modi Government to increase national pride and give India a world recognition has been the greatest achievement of this Government which no leader in last 70 years could do, sources said, adding the need of hour is to educate the people about the same.

Sources said the Core Group also decided that the roadmap for the elections will be chalked out as in near future party will hold meetings of office bearers and senior leaders in this regard.

Sources said the party has also decided to hold meeting with LG in near future on some important public issues like the decision of prepaid electricity charges, regularization of daily wagers, temporary employees and other issues faced by common man like pension for widows and old aged persons etc.

The efforts will be made to bridge the gap between bureaucracy and the common man and make the bureaucracy responsive to public issues.

BJP president, Ravinder Raina, when contacted, said the mass contact programme will be held in entire UT and BJP activists will visit house to house to apprise the people of the decisions and welfare measures taken by Narendra Modi Government for the people of J&K.

He said the issues confronting the people of J&K will also be taken up with the LG while tennising the sanction of free ration to people an achievement of the LG Government. He gave credit to his party saying the issue was taken by it with LG recently.



Photo tweeted by Union Home Minister Amit Shah.

**Shah hails acts of honesty by 2 JKP cops**

acts of honour and honesty that leave an indelible mark on the lives we touch. ASI Darshan Kumar and HC Satpal of the J&K Police proved this saying correct. They found a bag that

**Intruder killed in Nowshera, Comdr visits LoC**

any, while Northern Command chief Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi today visited forward locations in Rajouri sector and reviewed security and operational preparedness of the troops.

There was no official statement from the Army on Nowshera infiltration attempt.

Reliable sources, however, said body of one of the infiltrators was lying on the fence since early this morning after troops opened firing to neutralize the militants trying to intrude into the Indian territory. Troops were conducting searches in the area for other infiltrators but reports said they might have managed to retreat to Pakistan occupied Jammu Kashmir (PoJK).

However, details are likely to emerge once the search operation is over.

Reports indicated that a group of three militants tried to infiltrate into the Indian territory from PoJK last night in Rumli Dhara area falling between Janghar and Kalal in Nowshera sector but their movement was immediately spotted by the alert troops who challenged them.

In the firing, one of the intruders was killed.

Meanwhile, Northern Command chief Lt Gen Upendra Dwivedi today visited forward loca-

**Court rejects pre-arrest bail plea of GMC Principal**

submitted with the application form for admission in the MBBS, also copies of the documents were sought from her and she stated that she did not remember and the documents must have been attached with the form. However, it was astonishing to note that when the investigating agency raided at her residence, it found the original admission file of her carrying no age proof attached with it, the court observed.

"How come she was having the custody of the original admission file of her which dates back to 1981, supposed to be in the concerned admission section of the college. Why only the age proof is missing from it when it is the foundational document on the basis of which she claimed her eligibility and later got admission in the MBBS course. So obviously, she by misusing her position as Principal, managed to get the old file and then either has destroyed the document or is in her custody", the court further said.

"By refusing to respond fairly to Crime Branch and keeping the admission file in her custody speaks of her influence, potential and tendency to tamper with the evidence, who instead of cooperating with the investigating agency as a bonafide public servant evaded away and was not available at her office or home when the investigating agency raided at both the places", the court said.

Accordingly, court refused to extend the interim bail granted vide order dated 06-07-2023 and dismissed the instant anticipatory bail application.

**10 including Bhat's son arrested in Srinagar**

under Sections 10, 13 of Unlawful Activities Prevention Act & Section 121A of IPC already started registered in Police Station Kothbhab.

The spokesman stated that the arrested persons and others were planning to revive these organisations on the directions of Pakistan based handlers. This meeting was an overt attempt to start working for revival of these moribund organisations.

"Initial investigation has also revealed that they were in touch with entities based abroad, few of them were members of many groups that propagate secessionism like Kashmir Global Council headed by Farooq Siddiqui and Raja Muzaffer of JKLF," he said.

"Under the garb of meeting took place, the real agenda of meeting was discussing strategy of revival. Initial investigation has also revealed that a similar preliminary meeting took place on 13th June 2023, which was attended by most of them," he said.

The arrested persons have been identified as Mohammad Yaseen Bhat son of Ghulam Bhat of Nigeenbagh Srinagar, Mohammad Rafiq Pahlou son of Ghulam

**Over 24,000 perform darshan at holy cave, total crosses one lakh**

morning for their turn of darshan and the rush continued up to late in the evening. Till this evening 24,228 pilgrims performed darshan at holy cave. They included 17958 male, 5203 female, 666 children, 340 Sadhus and 61 Sadhvis.

This has taken the total number of pilgrims who paid obeisance at 3880 metre Himalayan cave since the 62 day yatra started on July 1 to 1,18,151.

One lady pilgrim from Ahmedabad, Gujarat died at holy cave due to breathlessness. She complained breathlessness and chest pain at a transit camp near the lower cave. She was shifted to hospital at holy cave but her condition deteriorated and later she breathed her last late tonight.

Reports said that the yatrins strand-

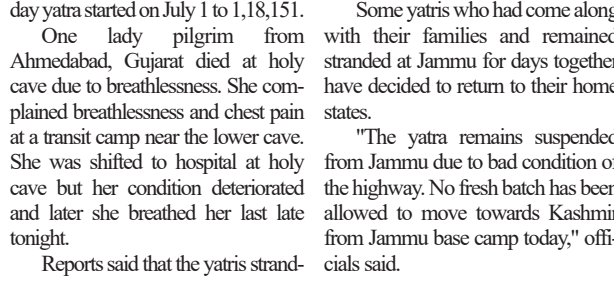
ed at Pantha Chowk Yatri Niwas near Srinagar and other places in Anantnag district were allowed to leave for their respective base camps this morning. Reports said that about 8000 pilgrims were camping at Panchtami. However, the rush has decreased at base camp of Nunwan as no pilgrims have reached from Jammu for last three days due to blockade of Jammu-Srinagar National highway near Ramban.

The Amamath Yatra remained suspended from Jammu for the third consecutive day today due to extensive damage caused to a section of the Jammu-Srinagar Highway in Ramban, officials said.

More than 6,000 pilgrims are stranded in Jammu, particularly at the Bhagwati Nagar base camp while over 6,000 are stranded at the Chanderkote base camp in Ramban district.

As the influx of pilgrims from other States continued, many yatrins are facing shortage of shelter as the Yatri Niwas at Bhagwati Nagar has been closed for entry of pilgrims as it is full to its capacity.

A group of pilgrims from Rajasthan who were waiting near Yatri Niwas Bhagwati Nagar said that they have not been allowed entry in the Yatri Niwas due to space crunch. Pilgrims reaching here are in high spirits and they want to wait till Highway opens as they will return only after performing the darshan of Baba at holy cave but the authorities should make arrangements of their boarding and lodging, said Bansil Lal, a pilgrim from Rajasthan who is camping in Jammu for last two days along with a group of 20 others.



Pilgrims waiting in long queues at holy cave of Amarnath Ji for darshan on Monday.

"More pilgrims are arriving in Jammu on their onward journey to Amamath. But most of them are being accommodated in various lodging centres," he added.

Some of the pilgrims have been accommodated at the camps in Lakhampur and Chichi Mata in Kathua and Samba districts to avoid the rush in Jammu, they said.

The yatrins will only be asked to resume their pilgrimage once vehicular traffic between Jammu and Kashmir divisions is restored, they added.

Meanwhile, Divisional Commissioner Jammu, Ramesh Kumar along with the Deputy Commissioners are monitoring the situation, officials said, adding all possible steps are being taken to ensure that those stranded do not face any hassle.

Sunita Saini from Punjab's Jalandhar, who has been stranded in Jammu for the past five days, said, "We are waiting for the weather to clear up and the highway to reopen. We are optimistic about leaving for Amamath."

There is a huge rush for accommodation in Jammu as most of 33 lodging places and the base camp is full to its capacity. Even the parking area of Jammu base camp is full with buses carrying pilgrims who are cooking food there.

Around 200 to 300 Sadhus are also camping at the base camp's Ram temple for the past one week.

Since June 30, a total of 43,833 pilgrims have departed from the Jammu base camp in seven batches, following the flag-off by Lieutenant Governor, Manoj Sinha.

**Cong should express gratitude to Modi for scrapping Art 370: Dr Jitendra**

cratic society," he said.

To a question on Article 370 petitions coming up for hearing in the Supreme Court tomorrow, the Minister said: "Whether the hearing takes places or not, Article 370 was written in the Constitution and in the same Constitution, it was written that it is a temporary provision."

Asked about opposition parties here claiming lack of democracy in the Union Territory, Dr Singh said Modi had brought grassroots democracy to Jammu and Kashmir for the first time.

"The democratic set up is already there, Panch, Sanchaks are there. We have BDCs and DDCs also. This credit also goes to Modi that for the first time, district councils have been set up here. The issue is that there was no democracy earlier. The grassroots democracy has come due to Modi," he added.

About the poll violence in West Bengal, Dr Singh said it cannot be tolerated in a democracy. "The unfortunate incidents in Bengal are condemnable on three counts. It exposes the political hypocrisy. Those who said democracy has been murdered in Maharashtra, see how they are murdering it in Bengal. Law and order and governance has failed, and unleashing of state terrorism. The Government is itself involved in this bloodshed. Such situation cannot be tolerated in a democratic country. The concerned departments and authorities will take appropriate action," he added.

Showering praises on PM Modi for holistic development of the country, the Minister said India will become fourth country in the world to land on the moon.

"When it comes to space, our spaceship will land on the moon in just four days, and our space exploration efforts have been ongoing for quite some time. However, Modi has given it a new dimension by opening it up to public-private partnerships, resulting in the emergence of nearly 300-400 startups in the space sector over the past four years," he said.

Dr Singh said that for the past

**WEATHER**

JAMMU: Mainly dry

TEMPERATURE

Max: 33.8 Degree C

Min: 23.8 Degree C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY

RH-I (Morning): 76.0 per cent

RH-II (Evening): 60.0 per cent

Sunset on Tuesday: 07.42 p.m.

Sunrise on Wednesday: 05.34 a.m.

SRINAGAR: Mainly clear

TEMPERATURE

Max: 28.0 Degree C

Min: 17.2 Degree C

RELATIVE HUMIDITY

RH-I (Morning): 76.0 per cent

RH-II (Evening): 54.0 per cent

LEH: TEMPERATURE

Max: 10.5 Degree C

Min: 8.9 Degree C

**DISCLAIMER**

"Daily Excelsior" does not take responsibility for the contents of the advertisements (Display/ Classified) carried in this newspaper. The paper does not endorse the same. Readers are requested to verify the contents on their own before acting there upon."

**CINEMA**

APSA AUDI 1: 1. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 10:00 AM, 12:45 PM, 03:45 PM, 06:45 PM, 09:30 PM, 12:30 PM, 3. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 3:00 PM, 4. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (HINDI) - 5:45 PM

HARI THEATRE: 1. WALTAIR VEERAYYA - 10:00 AM, 12:30 PM, 3:30 PM, 6:30 PM

PVR KC AUDI 1: 1. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 10:00 AM, 12:55 PM, 3:50 PM, 6:45 PM, 9:40 PM

PVR KC AUDI 2: 1. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (HINDI) - 10:15 AM, 2. SATYAPREM KI KATHA (UJA) - 12:45 PM, 3. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (ENG) - 3:55 PM, 4. BAHATTAR HOORAIN - HIN - 6:25 PM, 6. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (ENG) - 8:25 PM, 6. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) (UJA) - 10:55 PM

WAVE CINEMA AUDI 1: 1. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (HINDI) - 10:15 AM, 2. SATYAPREM KI KATHA (UJA) - 12:40 PM, 3. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) (UJA) 3:00 PM, 4. SATYAPREM KI KATHA (HINDI) (A) - 5:40 PM, 5. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) (UJA) 8:00 PM, 6. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (HINDI) (A) - 10:50 PM

WAVE CINEMA AUDI 2: 1. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (HINDI) (A) - 10:15 AM, 2. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) (UJA) - 12:30 PM, 3. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (ENG) (A) - 3:15 PM, 4. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) (UJA) - 5:30 PM, 5. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (ENG) - 08:15 PM, 6. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) (UJA) - 10:30 PM

WAVE CINEMA AUDI 3: 1. 72 HOORAIN (A) - 10:30 AM, 2. SATYAPREM KI KATHA (UJA) - 12:40 PM, 3. 72 HOORAIN (A) - 3:30 PM, 4. SATYAPREM KI KATHA (UJA) - 5:30 PM, 5. 72 HOORAIN (A) - 8:20 PM, 6. SATYAPREM KI KATHA (UJA) - 10:20 PM

PLATINUM CINEMA AUDI 1: 1. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (HINDI) - 10:15 AM, 2. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 12:15 PM, 3. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) (UJA) - 3:00 PM, 4. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (HINDI) - 5:15 PM, 5. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 7:35 PM, 6. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (ENG) - 10:10 PM

PLATINUM CINEMA AUDI 2: 1. SATYAPREM KI KATHA (UJA) - 9:45 AM, 12:25 PM, 2. NEEYAT (HINDI) - 03:00 PM, 3. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) (UJA) - 5:15 PM, 4. SATYAPREM KI KATHA (UJA) - 7:40 PM, 5. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) (UJA) - 10:15 PM

PLATINUM CINEMA AUDI 3: 1. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) (UJA) 10:30 AM, 1:00 PM, 3:30 PM, 6:00 PM, 8:30 PM, 10:55 PM

INDIRA AUDI 1: 1. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (HINDI) - 10:30 AM, 2. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 12:30 PM, 3. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 3:30 PM, 4. INSIDIOUS: THE RED (HINDI) - 5:45 PM, 5. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 8:00 PM, 6. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 10:45 PM

INDIRA AUDI 2: 1. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 11:00 AM, 1:35 PM, 4:15 PM, 6:45 PM, 9:30 PM

INDIRA AUDI 3: 1. SATYAPREM KI KATHA - 9:00 AM, 2. SATYAPREM KI KATHA - 11:35 AM, 3. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 2:20 PM, 4. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 5:15 PM, 5. SATYAPREM KI KATHA - 7:40 PM, 6. CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 10:15 PM

MOONLIGHT CINEPLEX (KATHUA): CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 10:00 AM, 01:00 PM, 04:00 PM, 07:00 PM

NEELAM PALACE (BILLAWAR): CARRY ON JATTA 3 (PUN) - 10:00 AM, 01:00 PM, 04:00 PM, 07:00 PM

Edited, Printed, Published by Kamal Rohmetra and owned by Daily Excelsior. Executive Editor Neeraj Rohmetra. Printed at Daily Excelsior and Excelsior Printer Pvt Ltd, Janipura, Jammu and published from EXCELSIOR HOUSE, Janipura, Jammu 180007 (J&K). Phones: 0191-2537055, 2537901, 2539178. Fax: 0191-2537831 and 2530272 Editor's Residence: 0191-2431830, 2432288. E-mail: editor@dailyexcelsior.com. Advertisement Managers Mohan Lal 9419187956, Mukesh Kaushal 941911428. For Advertisement queries: advt@dailyexcelsior.com (M) 941911428. Residence Nos: Jammu Bureau Chief: Sanjeev Pargal (94191-80969), Special Correspondents: Mohinder Verma (9419185803), Gopal Sharma (9419180803), Avtar Bhat (9419142184), Nishikant Khajuria (9419143132), Srinagar Office: 2 Pratap Park Srinagar. Phone: (O) 0194-2450213, New Delhi Bureau Chief (Advt) : C.S. Paul 9810068545, 9910997733 (M), 011-23327188 (O), 3/15, INS Building, Rafi Marg. Mumbai Advertisement Office Incharge: K.S. Nitin 9322509953 (M) 022-22883904, 22821859 (O) 22845484 (Fax) C/o S. J. Business Centre, Islam Building Room No. 17/18, 1st Floor, 46 Veer Nariman Road.

To subscribe Excelsior Internet Edition, send e-mail at: subscription@dailyexcelsior.com

For complaints regarding newspaper delivery or Advertisement Production. Contact: 9419187956, 941911428

**NH still blocked, restoration work goes on at war footing**

the restoration of traffic on the National Highway at the earliest," he added.

A Traffic police official said that the Mughal Road — an alternate link connecting the twin border districts of Poonch and Rajouri in Jammu with the south Kashmir Shopian district — was through for both-way traffic.

Mughal Road was also hit by several landslides on Saturday and Sunday following heavy rains but the road was cleared by the concerned agencies, providing relief to the commuters.

The traffic was moving smoothly on Mughal Road but there were reports of long traffic jams at some places.

Meanwhile, Batote-Kishtwar road was also restored today but Reasi-Mahore road was blocked after landslides near Dharmari today. Gandoh-Gawari road was still blocked due to land and mudslides yesterday.

Meanwhile, after week-long freak weather which brought Kashmir on the brink of floods, weatherman today forecast mainly dry weather for the Valley.

"Mainly dry weather is expected but a brief spell of rain may occur at isolated places in Kashmir region towards late afternoon/evening," a

**Court convicts 4 IM operatives**

IPC and the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The court passed order noting that the accused persons had pleaded guilty on July 7. The NIA had lodged a case in September 2012 under Sections 121A (conspiracy to wage war against Government of India) and 123 (Concealing with intent to

**Two earthquakes hit Doda**

first earthquake had a magnitude of 4.9 and it had epicenter at a depth of 10 km in Doda.

It occurred at 33.15 latitude and longitude 75.68.

The second earthquake had a magnitude of 3.6 and it had epicenter at a depth of 8 km in Doda.

It occurred at 33.15 latitude and longitude 75.70.

**Two earthquakes hit Doda**

first earthquake had a magnitude of 4.9 and it had epicenter at a depth of 10 km in Doda.

It occurred at 33.15 latitude and longitude 75.68.

The second earthquake had a magnitude of 3.6 and it had epicenter at a depth of 8 km in Doda.

It occurred at 33.15 latitude and longitude 75.70.

**Court convicts 4 IM operatives**

IPC and the stringent Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act.

The court passed order noting that the accused persons had pleaded guilty on July 7. The NIA had lodged a case in September 2012 under Sections 121A (conspiracy to wage war against Government of India) and 123 (Concealing with intent to